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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2009. In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein. Inasmuch as the Office Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response, to end June 3, 2009, Applicant submits that no fee is due at this time. However, if any fees are necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, Applicant authorizes the Office to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.